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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

A control and safety device for a machine for dispensing strips of material having ~~a transmission means (10) which consists of~~ a belt mounted between a drum (4) and a shaft (9) in a floating mount. The shaft receiving the belt having an axle of narrower diameter than the shaft in its central part opposite a groove formed on the drum. The axle has a dimension greater than the width of the groove (4b) formed on the drum, so as to enable an oblique lateral displacement of the belt, which thus accompanies, according to a limited amplitude  $\alpha$ , the longitudinal direction in which, for example, a paper strip is being pulled out of the machine by the user.

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 3 and 4 with the following paragraph:

According to a first aspect of the invention, the control and security device allowing ejection of the strip of material from a strip dispensing machine comprising a drum and a safety shaft which shuts off the lower opening through which the strip of material passes as it leaves the housing and the drum, said drum and said shaft being linked by a means of for transmission consisting of a belt, is characterized in that said means of transmission is float mounted between the drum and the shaft, with the central part of the shaft that accommodates said belt and faces the groove on the drum being designed with a dolly axle configuration having a dimension that exceeds the width of the groove on the drum so as to allow limited amplitude, thus tracking the direction in

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which the strip of paper is pulled longitudinally out of the dispensing machine by the user.

Please replace the paragraph on lines 7-13 on page 6 with the following paragraph:

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This control and safety device consisting of a shaft (9) is capable of accommodating a drive belt (10) which constitutes the means of for transmission which, firstly, prevents the unwanted movement of strips of paper between the drum and the shaft and, secondly, forces the strip of paper towards the machine's lower opening.

Please replace the paragraph on lines 1-8 on page 8 with the following paragraph:

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Without going beyond the scope of the invention, it is also feasible to double the number of means of for transmission that implement the invention. In this case, the drum is designed with a number of grooves which corresponds to the number of transmission belts, and facing them, the safety shaft has an identical number of dolly-axle shapes to ensure the desired operation.